Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 03 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 May 2023

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Confidence: Low confidence for details of light rain moving north on Wednesday. High for very windy conditions on the tops on Thursday then more showery conditions from Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 May 2023: Cloudy with some rain at times. Becoming drier perhaps brighter later. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	50%	50%	20%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023

Weather: A mostly dry start then outbreaks of rain spreading north but mainly light in nature. Drier and brighter conditions arriving from the south during the late afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%. Best chance in northwest.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility but becoming hazy as rain arrives, dropping below 10km at times. Some patchy cloud and fog above about 900m, this rather persistent above 700m across Ben Lomond, Trossachs and hills around Bridge of Orchy and Rannoch Moor.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	15/19 SE	13/17 SE	12/17 SE	13/18 SE	14/19 SE	16/22 SE	18/25 SE
900	13/16 SE	12/16 SE	10/15 SE	12/16 SE	12/17 SE	14/20 SE	15/23 SE
600	6/8 SE	5/8 E	6/10 SE	6/10 SE	7/11 SE	8/14 SE	9/16 SE
300	7/14 E	4/7 NE	5/9 S	6/10 E	8/15 SE	6/14 E	6/12 E
Glen	3/6 E	3/5 E	5/9 SE	5/10 E	3/8 E	4/11 NE	4/12 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	4/-0	4/-1	3/-1	2/-3
900	4/-1	5/2	6/3	6/3	6/3	5/1	4/0
600	8/6	9/7	9/8	9/8	10/8	9/7	8/6
300	9/8	10/10	11/10	11/10	11/10	10/9	10/8
Glen	10/10	12/11	13/12	13/12	14/13	12/11	11/10
Freezing Level*	1700m	1800m	1900m	1800m	1900m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Generally good hill walking conditions with light winds but low cloud affecting higher slopes in the southeast.

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023
Weather: Rain clearing north then a dry day with bright or sunny spells. The strong and gusty southeasterly winds will be the main feature, especially on high exposed ridges and plateau, with sudden downslope gusts possible to the lee of high ground.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 20mph increasing in the morning, 30 to 40mph with gusts of 60mph, perhaps 70mph over high exposed ridges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility but some patchy low cloud on the tops, becoming persistent in the southeast later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10C rising to 13C, locally 16C in the west.
At 800m: Plus 6C rising to 9C.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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